



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 924***

LCO No. 3141

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:  
(TRA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE REQUIREMENTS RELATIVE TO THE  
SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO SATISFY MECHANIC'S LIENS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 49-61 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (b) If the property is a motor vehicle and if no application that the  
5 lien be dissolved upon such substitution of a bond is made within  
6 thirty days of the date of the completion of the work upon the property  
7 by the bailor for hire, the bailee shall send a written notice to the  
8 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, stating the engine number and  
9 chassis number thereof, the date the motor vehicle was left with [him]  
10 such bailee, the date the work was completed, the amount for which a  
11 lien is claimed, the registration thereof if any number plates are on the  
12 motor vehicle and the name of the owner or person who authorized  
13 the work to be done, and shall enclose a fee of five dollars. Such notice  
14 shall be placed on file by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and be  
15 open to public inspection. If the motor vehicle is subject to a security  
16 interest, the commissioner, within ten days of receipt of such notice,

17 shall send the bailee the name and address of any lienholder as  
 18 recorded on the certificate of title. Within ten days of receipt of such  
 19 information relative to any lienholder, the bailee shall mail written  
 20 notice to each lienholder in a registered or certified letter, postage paid,  
 21 stating that the motor vehicle is being held by such bailee and has a  
 22 lien upon it for repair and storage charges. Any sale under the  
 23 provisions [hereinafter stated] of this section shall be void unless the  
 24 notice required in this section has been given to said commissioner, if  
 25 the property is a motor vehicle.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to give timely response to mechanics, within ten days of receiving notice, regarding lienholder information for motor vehicles subject to sale to satisfy mechanics' liens; and to require mechanics to make timely notification to lienholders of motor vehicles, within ten days of receiving lienholder information, prior to any proposed sale to satisfy a mechanics' lien for repair and storage charges.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*